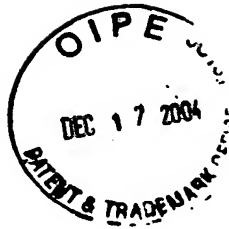


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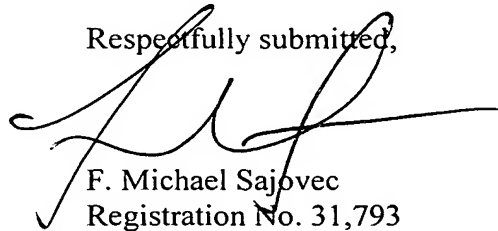


### REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17 and 19 are pending. Claims 4, 9, 14 and 19 are allowed. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 12 and 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Concurrently herewith, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer which under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) should be sufficient to overcome the rejections. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the application be allowed.

The concerns of the Examiner addressed in full, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith. The Examiner is encouraged to direct any questions regarding the foregoing to the undersigned, who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

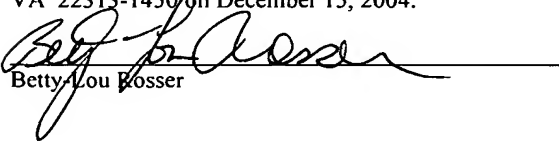


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